GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SOFT DRINKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain contents including acetic acid contained in Cold/ Soft drinks are harmful for health;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any review of the guidelines regulating contents of Cold/Soft drinks;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether all the Cold/ Soft drink producers including the Pepsi-Cola India are stringently following these guidelines;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) The standards of carbonated water have been prescribed in the PFA Rules, 1955. Carbonated water manufactured conforming to the standards as laid down under PFA Rules, 1955 are considered safe and the standards are reviewed from time to time.

(e)to(g) The standards of carbonated water laid down under PFA Rules, 1955 are mandatory.

The PFA Act, 1954 and the Rules made there under are implemented by the State/UT Governments who draw regular samples of various food products and take appropriate action under PFA Rules, 1955, if the samples are found not conforming to the standards under PFA Rules, 1955.